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ORR Priority Needs for Bomb Damage Assessment
of Targets in North Vietnam

1. The attachment lists those JCS targets that are of priority interest to ORR. Those targets whose assessment is or would be of immediate and critical importance have been indicated by an asterisk and called prime targets. DIA and NPIC have indicated a willingness to undertake immediate release of priority photography to IAS. We would expect IAS to establish special procedures to obtain and analyze as quickly as possible all appropriate photography on these designated prime targets. Although purely military targets are also of concern to ORR, they have been omitted from this listing because ORR in costing the damage to military installations places considerable reliance upon bomb damage assessments made by DIA. ORR must, however, retain the prerogative of requesting IAS analysis of specific military targets on an ad hoc basis if information is urgently needed to fulfill our responsibilities.

2. The prime targets have been selected for one of the following reasons:

- 1) The target has been struck but inadequate bomb damage assessment is available,
- 2) The target is of high importance and has not yet been struck; the first available post-strike photography is necessary,
- 3) The target has great economic or military significance and continuing information is needed on its current status.

3. The prime targets will change over time. For example, if photography shows that the Haiphong East Thermal Powerplant has been virtually destroyed, we would be then interested in only regular priority coverage of this installation to monitor any reconstruction activity. On the other hand, if a non-asterisked JCS target increased in importance or there was a significant change in its status, it would be designated a prime target. It will be the specific responsibility of ORR/T/SP to inform IAS on a day-to-day basis of any change in our prime targets. At the same time, each ORR analyst would be responsible for informing T/SP of changes in their interest of specific JCS targets.

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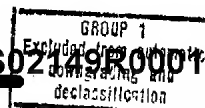
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